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TEAM CHAOTIX
DETECTIVES FOR HIRE

UNDINA
PRprincess of Meropis

RAZOR & CRUSHER
(EX?) PIRATE & CHAO

SHELLBREAKER
CAPTAIN OF THE *SETTING DAWN*

THE STORY SO FAR...

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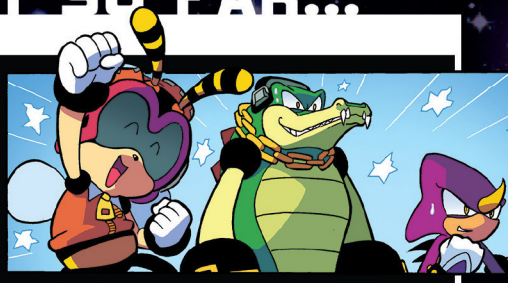

It was supposed to be a simple case for the Chaotix Detective Agency—find Princess Undina of Meropis, rescue her from her pirate kidnappers, and cash the fat reward check. Instead it turned into a desperate ruse as the goofy gumshoes "joined" the pirate crew.

As Vector tried to piece together a plan, the Shellbreaker Crew arrived at their destination: a mysterious and remote island. There Undina found warnings of an ancient and terrible weapon, which Cpt. Shellbreaker ordered unearthed.

Now the Chaotix not only have to save the princess and themselves, but deal with a long-lost terror...

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WE'D ARRIVED AT AN ANCIENT TOMB ON A FORGOTTEN ISLAND...
THE PRINCESS WARNED OF *DANGER*...
...BUT THE CAPTAIN DIDN'T CARE. HE WAS HOPING FOR TREASURE, OR WORSE...
...A WEAPON...
FORTUNATELY, FOR AN EXPERT ARCHAEOLOGIST LIKE MYSELF, THIS WAS--

The CASE of the Pirate Princess

FINALE: IN A LONELY PLACE

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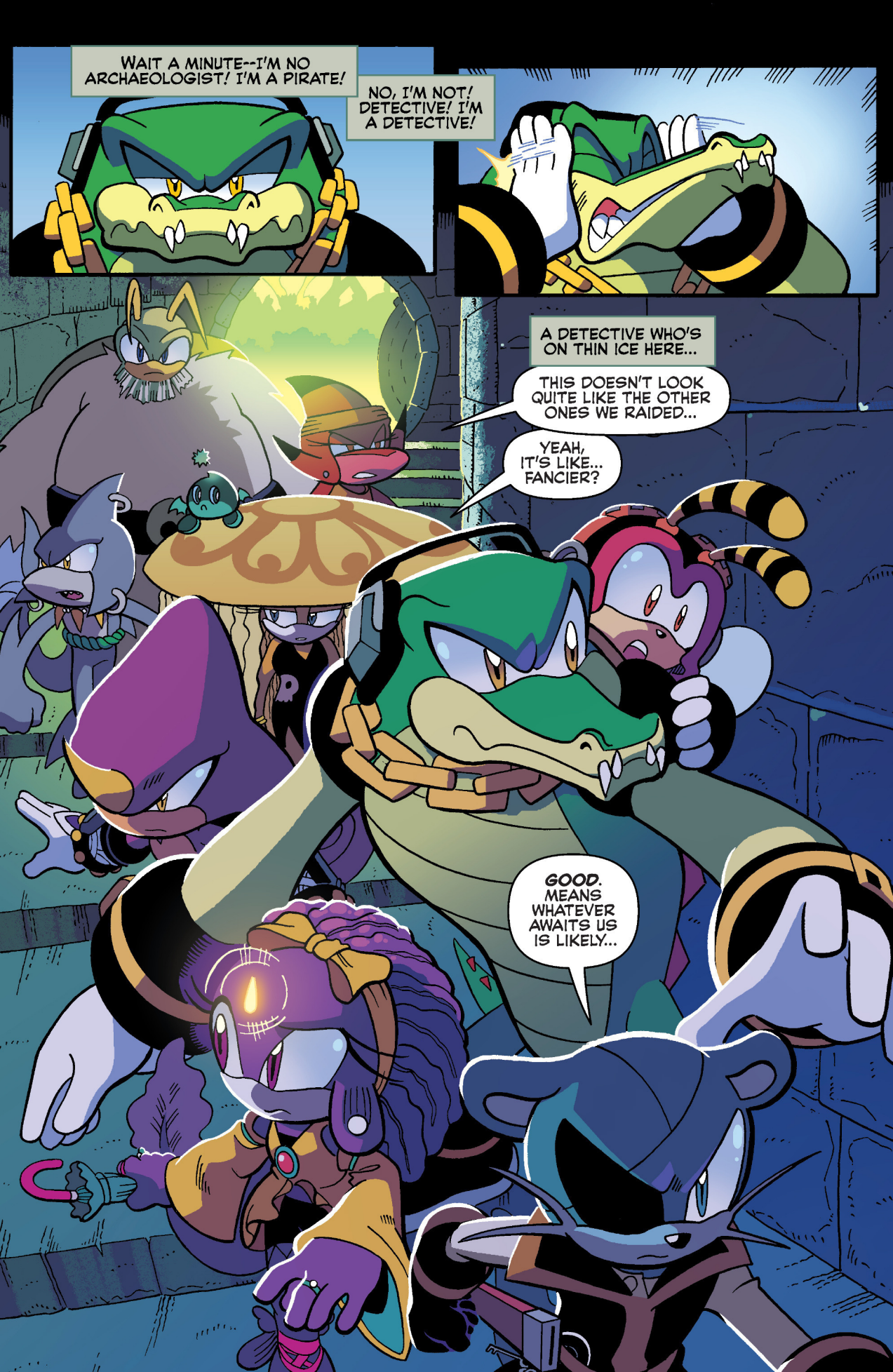
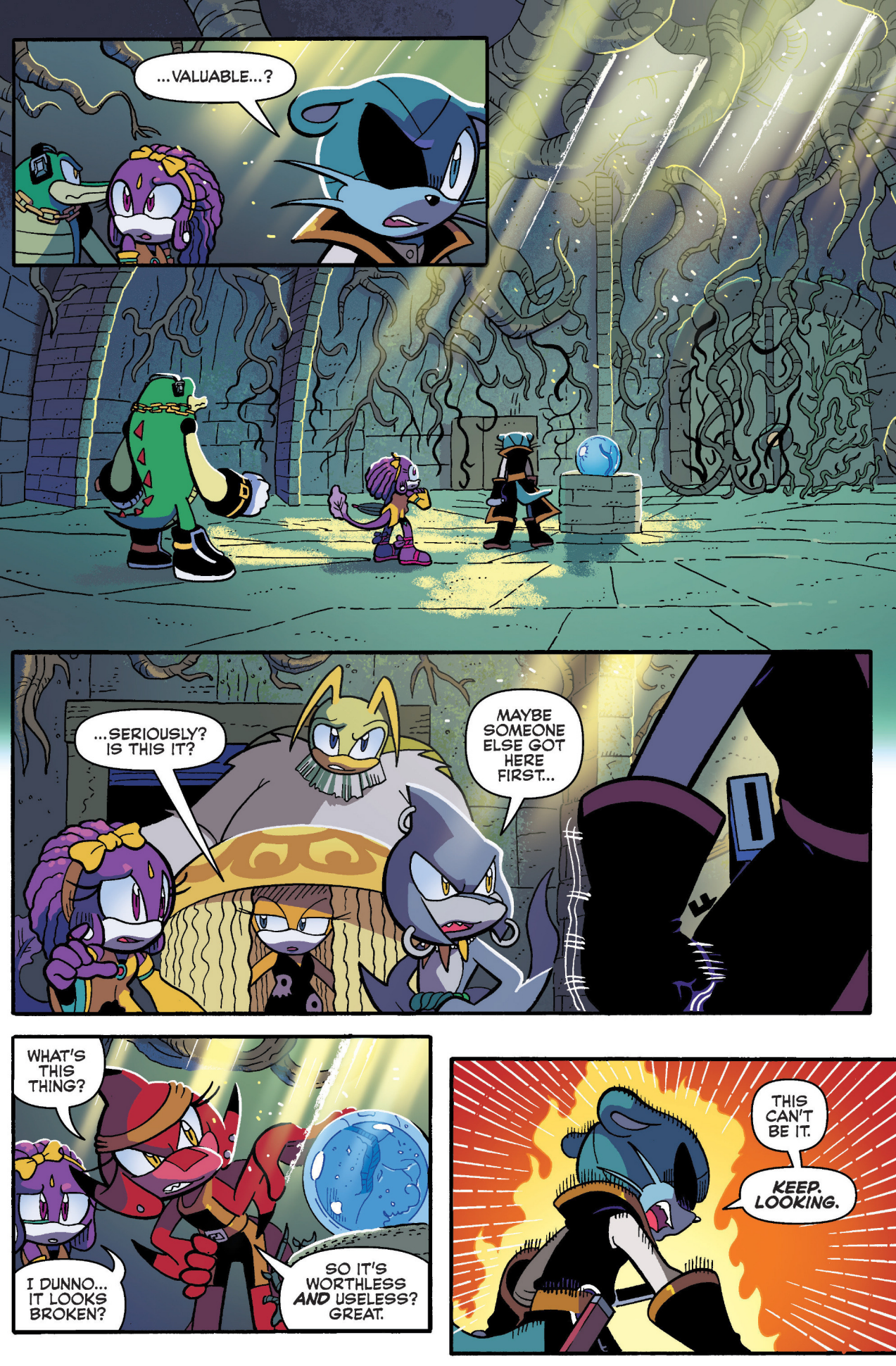
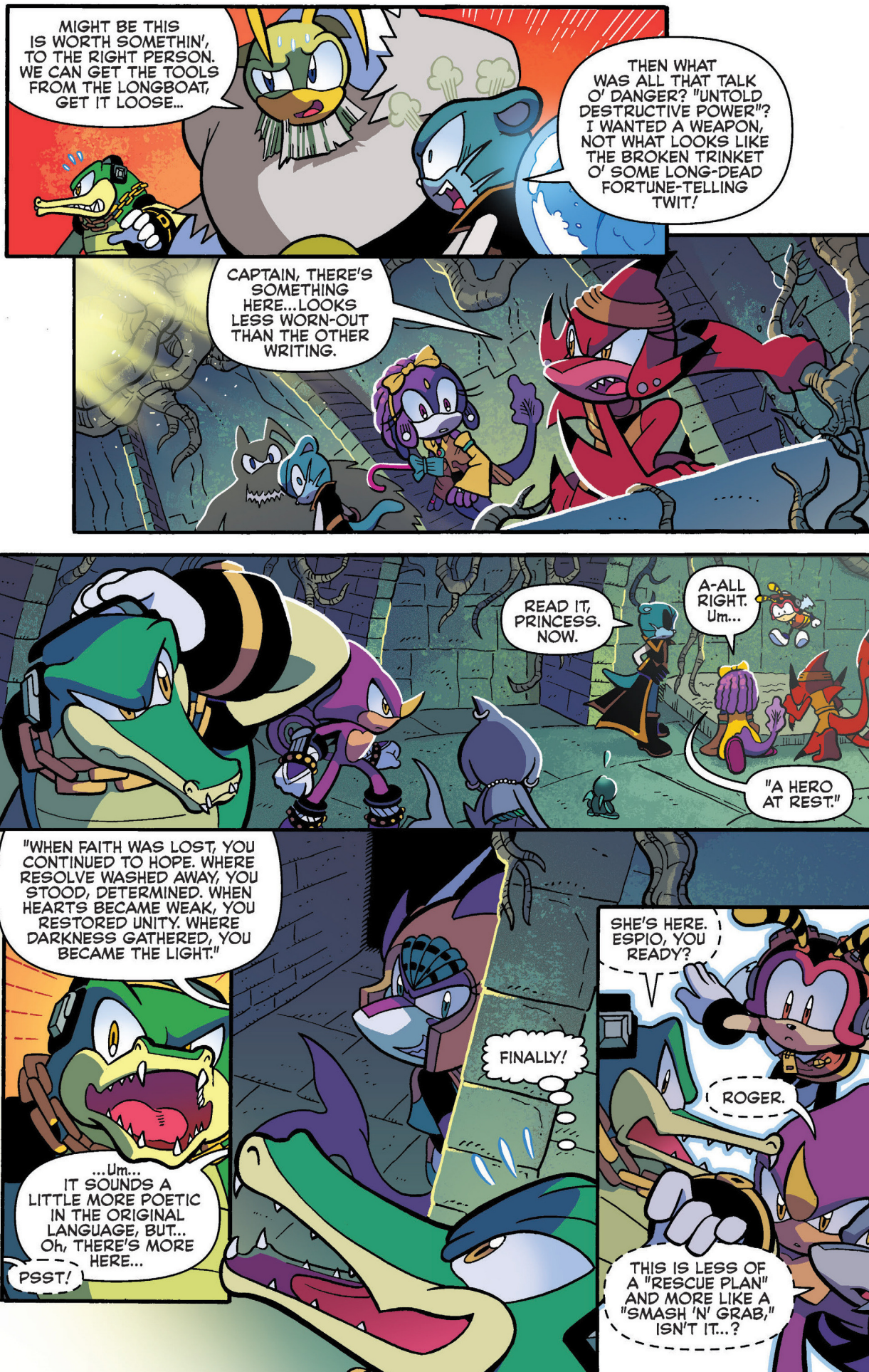
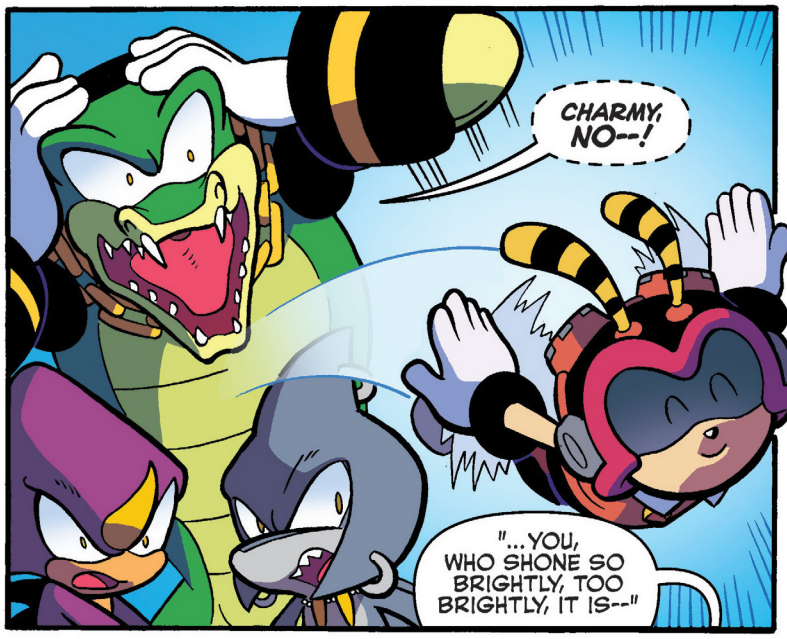

WAIT A MINUTE--I'M NO ARCHAEOLOGIST! I'M A PIRATE!
NO, I'M NOT! DETECTIVE! I'M A DETECTIVE!
A DETECTIVE WHO'S ON THIN ICE HERE...
THIS DOESN'T LOOK QUITE LIKE THE OTHER ONES WE RAIDED...
YEAH, IT'S LIKE... FANCIER?
GOOD. MEANS WHATEVER AWAITS US IS LIKELY...


...VALUABLE...?
...SERIOUSLY? IS THIS IT?
MAYBE SOMEONE ELSE GOT HERE FIRST...
WHAT'S THIS THING?
I DUNNO... IT LOOKS BROKEN?
SO IT'S WORTHLESS AND USELESS? GREAT.
THIS CAN'T BE IT.
KEEP. LOOKING.


MIGHT BE THIS IS WORTH SOMETHIN', TO THE RIGHT PERSON. WE CAN GET THE TOOLS FROM THE LONGBOAT, GET IT LOOSE...
THEN WHAT WAS ALL THAT TALK O' DANGER? "UNTOLD DESTRUCTIVE POWER"? I WANTED A WEAPON, NOT WHAT LOOKS LIKE THE BROKEN TRINKET O' SOME LONG-DEAD FORTUNE-TELLING TWIT!
CAPTAIN, THERE'S SOMETHING HERE...LOOKS LESS WORN-OUT THAN THE OTHER WRITING.
READ IT, PRINCESS. NOW.
A-ALL RIGHT. Um...
"A HERO AT REST."
"WHEN FAITH WAS LOST, YOU CONTINUED TO HOPE. WHERE RESOLVE WASHED AWAY, YOU STOOD, DETERMINED. WHEN HEARTS BECAME WEAK, YOU RESTORED UNITY. WHERE DARKNESS GATHERED, YOU BECAME THE LIGHT."
...Um... IT SOUNDS A LITTLE MORE POETIC IN THE ORIGINAL LANGUAGE, BUT... Oh, THERE'S MORE HERE...
PSST!
FINALLY!
SHE'S HERE. ESPIO, YOU READY?
ROGER.
THIS IS LESS OF A "RESCUE PLAN" AND MORE LIKE A "SMASH 'N' GRAB," ISN'T IT...?

IT'S ELEGANT IN ITS SIMPLICITY! NOW...WE JUST NEED TO GET THE CAPTAIN'S KEY--
I CAN DO THAT!


CHARMY, NO--!
"...YOU, WHO SHONE SO BRIGHTLY, TOO BRIGHTLY, IT IS--"

ENOUGH O' THIS! SO IT'S AN EMPTY TOMB, IS IT? A MEMORIAL? I CARE NOT.
WHAT I CARE ABOUT IS THAT IT'S ALREADY BEEN ROBBED AND NOW--
HEY, CAPTAIN?

I--WHAT? WHAT IS IT Y'WANT?
CAN I HAVE THE KEY? I NEED TO GO BACK TO THE SHIP.
WHY?
Um... BATH-ROOM.
DON'T BE RIDICULOUS! YE DON'T NEED THE KEY FOR THAT!
Aw...I TRIED ASKIN' NICELY...

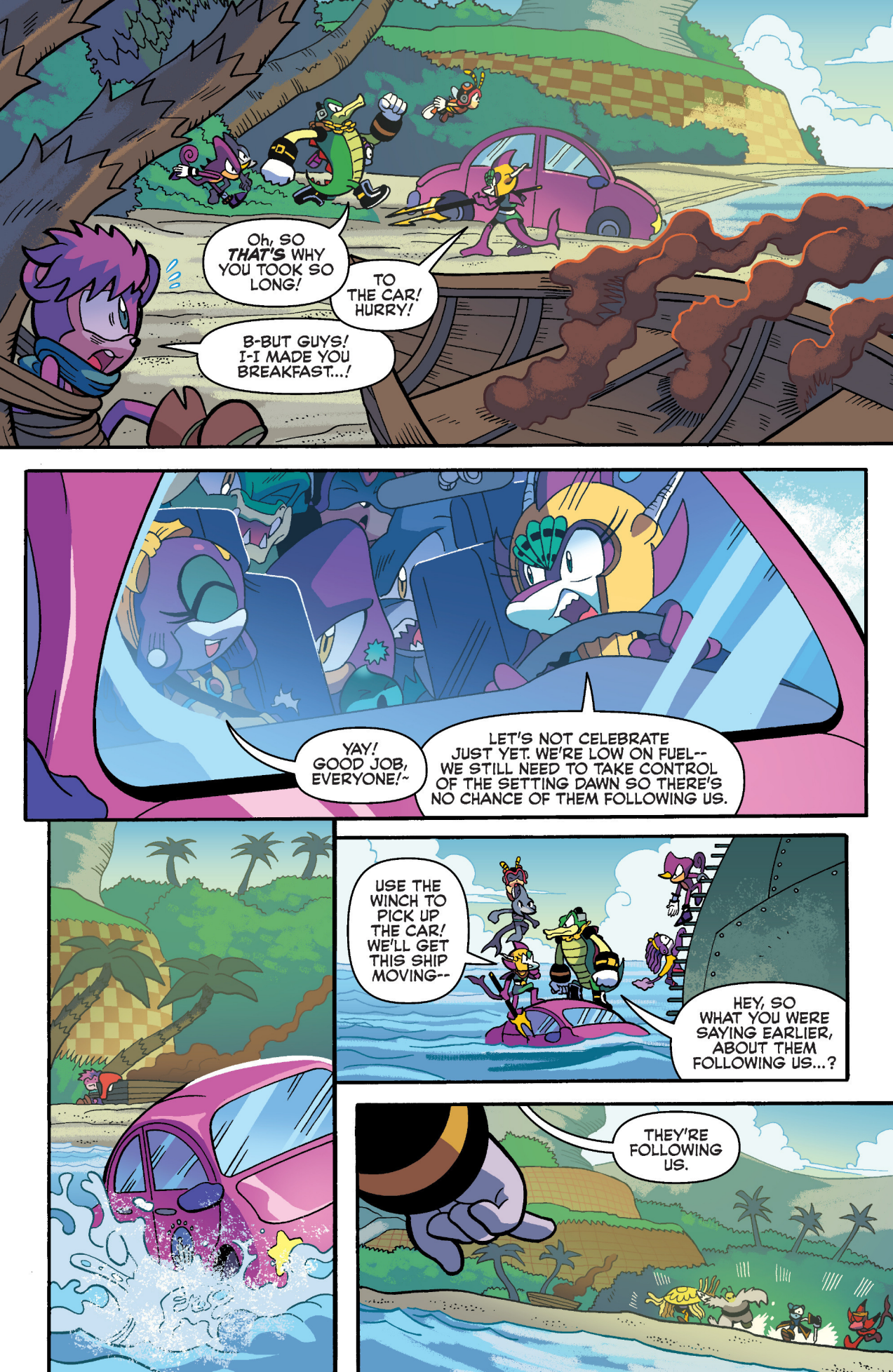
YOINK!

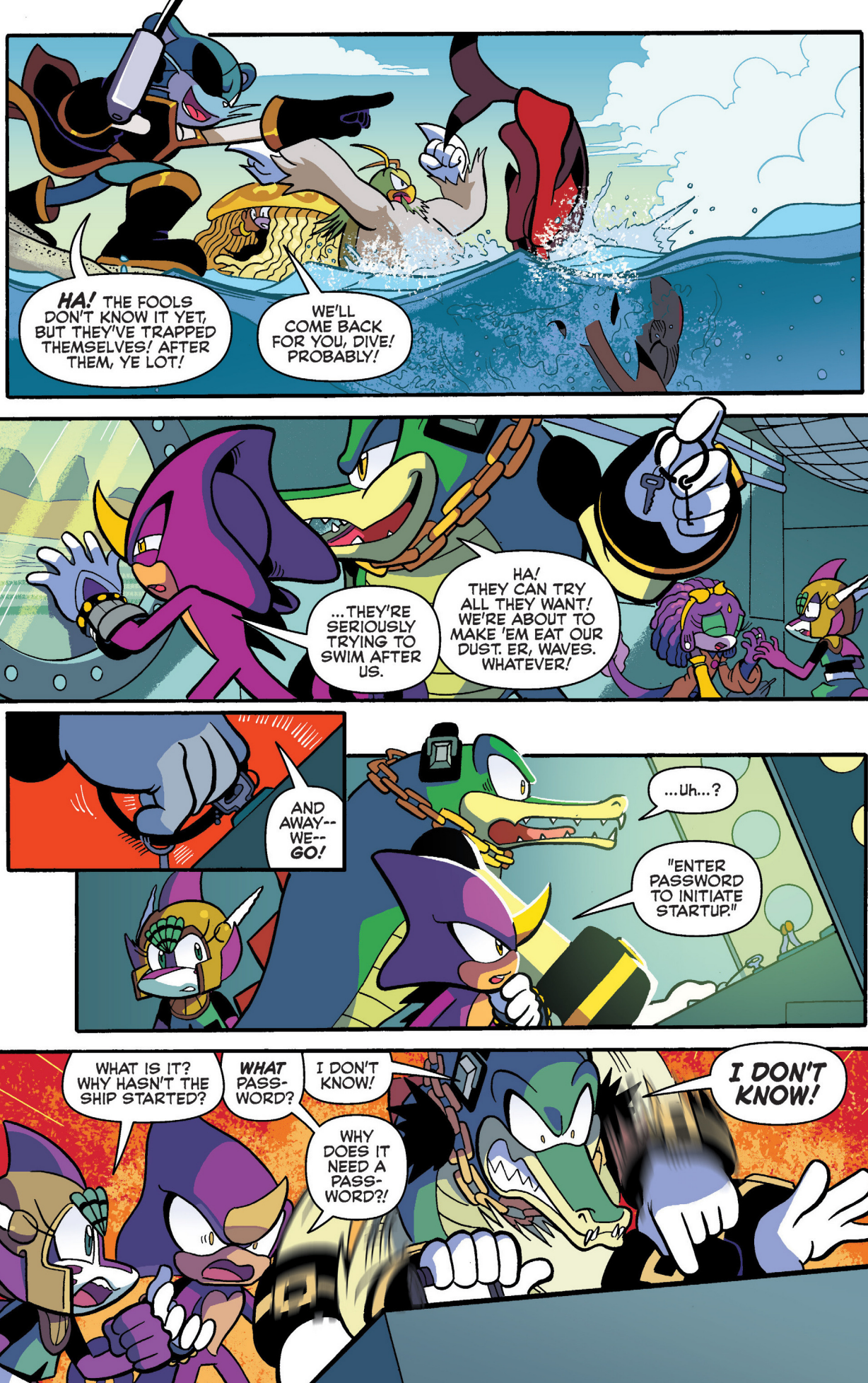
Oh, BOY. GUESS THAT'S OUR CUE...
NOW!
Aw, REALLY?! I THOUGHT YOU GUYS WERE COOL!
GET DOWN!
TRAITORS! I WON'T LEAVE ENOUGH OF YOU TO FEED THE BARNACLES!
PRINCESS, LET'S GO!
I WAS STARTING TO WONDER IF YOU GUYS HAD A PLAN!
Um, EXCUSE YOU!
OW!
NO STINGING!
AH-!
...Eesh, DEENA... YOU'RE STRONGER THAN YOU LOOK...
Aww, YOU REALLY THINK SO?

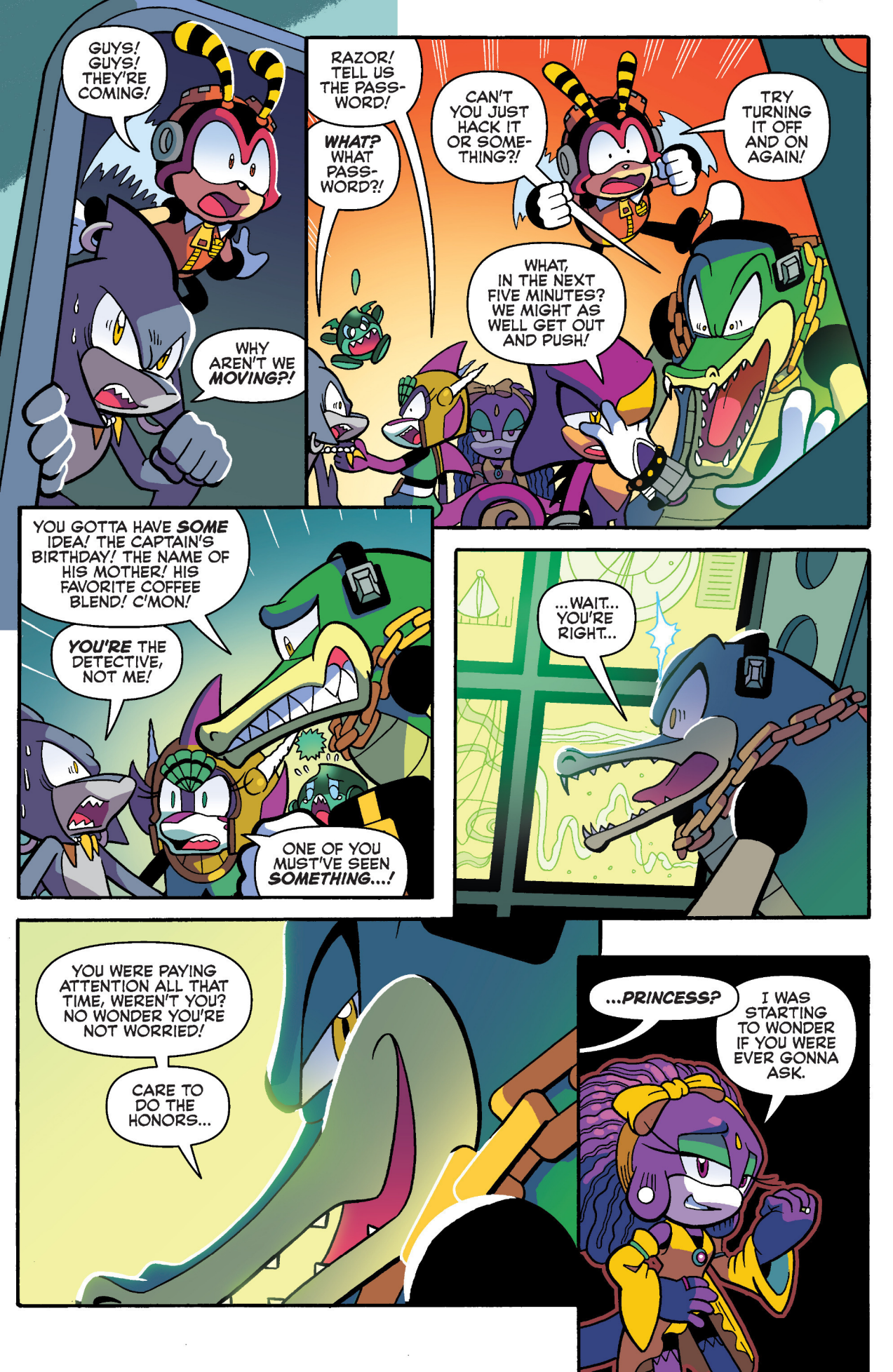
OKAY, TIME TO LEAVE!
LIEUTENANT!
SUPRESSING FIIIIIRE!
SKYEW
SKYEW
SKYEW
THUD
SKYEW
SKYEW
COWARDS! TRAITOROUS COWARDS!
MOVE IT MOVE IT MOVE IT!
CLOSE IT CLOSE IT CLOSE IT!

WAIT--YOU WANT TO TRAP THEM IN THERE? THEY'LL STARVE!
IT'S JUST FOR NOW! WE'LL SEND THE PROPER AUTHORITIES TO PICK THEM UP LATER BUT RIGHT NOW WE NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE!
PRINCESS, PLEASE!
VERY WELL.
RRRUMBLE
BY THE WAY, CHARMY, NICE GOING WITH THE WHOLE BATHROOM TRICK BACK THERE!
TRICK?
HA!
AAAAAHHH!!
GO! GO! FAST! NOW!
YEOUCH...!

RAZOR! RAZOR!
YOU CAN'T DO THIS!
WE'RE THE ONLY FAMILY YOU'VE GOT!
NO.
YOU'RE NOT.
I DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO SAY THIS LAST TIME...
GOOD-BYE, SIS.


Oh, SO THAT'S WHY YOU TOOK SO LONG!
TO THE CAR! HURRY!
B-BUT GUYS! I-I MADE YOU BREAKFAST...!
YAY! GOOD JOB, EVERYONE!~
LET'S NOT CELEBRATE JUST YET. WE'RE LOW ON FUEL-- WE STILL NEED TO TAKE CONTROL OF THE SETTING DAWN SO THERE'S NO CHANCE OF THEM FOLLOWING US.
USE THE WINCH TO PICK UP THE CAR! WE'LL GET THIS SHIP MOVING--
HEY, SO WHAT YOU WERE SAYING EARLIER, ABOUT THEM FOLLOWING US...?
THEY'RE FOLLOWING US.

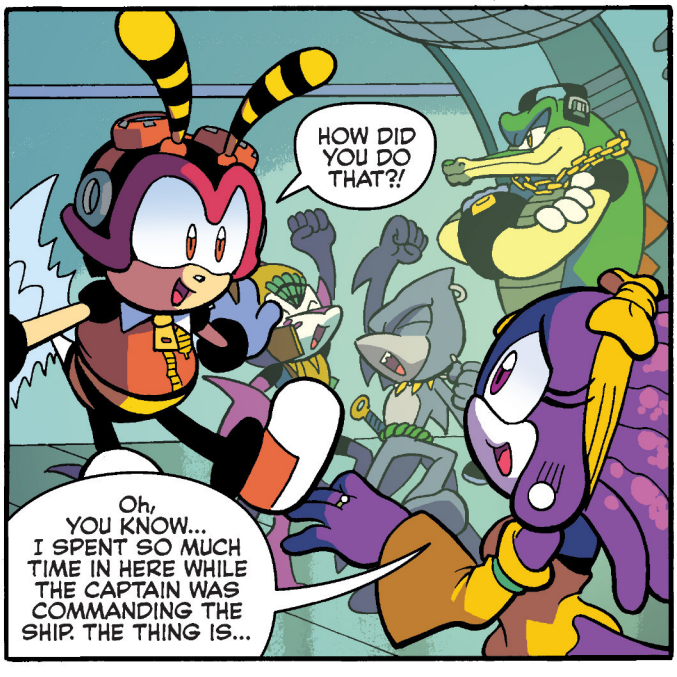

HA! THE FOOLS DON'T KNOW IT YET, BUT THEY'VE TRAPPED THEMSELVES! AFTER THEM, YE LOT!
WE'LL COME BACK FOR YOU, DIVE! PROBABLY!
...THEY'RE SERIOUSLY TRYING TO SWIM AFTER US.
HA! THEY CAN TRY ALL THEY WANT! WE'RE ABOUT TO MAKE 'EM EAT OUR DUST. ER, WAVES. WHATEVER!
AND AWAY-- WE-- GO!
...Uh...?
"ENTER PASSWORD TO INITIATE STARTUP."
WHAT IS IT? WHY HASN'T THE SHIP STARTED?
WHAT PASS-WORD?
I DON'T KNOW!
WHY DOES IT NEED A PASS-WORD?!
I DON'T KNOW!


GUYS! GUYS! THEY'RE COMING!
WHY AREN'T WE MOVING?!
RAZOR! TELL US THE PASS-WORD!
WHAT? WHAT PASS-WORD?!
CAN'T YOU JUST HACK IT OR SOME-THING?!
TRY TURNING IT OFF AND ON AGAIN!
WHAT, IN THE NEXT FIVE MINUTES? WE MIGHT AS WELL GET OUT AND PUSH!
YOU GOTTA HAVE SOME IDEA! THE CAPTAIN'S BIRTHDAY! THE NAME OF HIS MOTHER! HIS FAVORITE COFFEE BLEND! C'MON!
YOU'RE THE DETECTIVE, NOT ME!
ONE OF YOU MUST'VE SEEN SOMETHING...!
...WAIT... YOU'RE RIGHT...
YOU WERE PAYING ATTENTION ALL THAT TIME, WEREN'T YOU? NO WONDER YOU'RE NOT WORRIED!
CARE TO DO THE HONORS...
...PRINCESS?
I WAS STARTING TO WONDER IF YOU WERE EVER GONNA ASK.

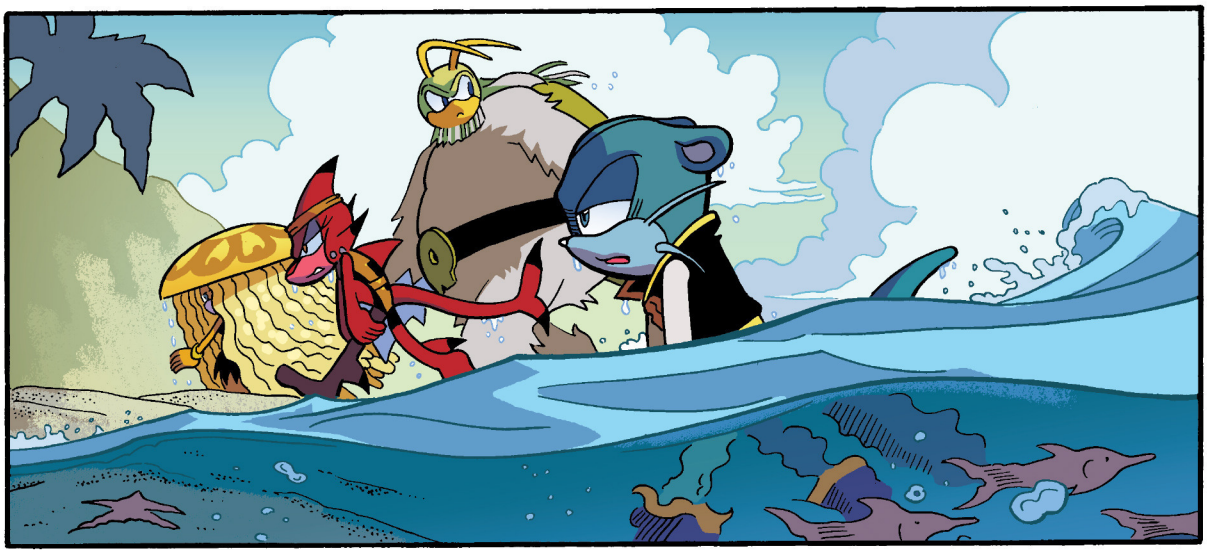
VVVVMMMMMMM
IT'S "CHOWDER" BACKWARDS. AND THERE WE GO!~

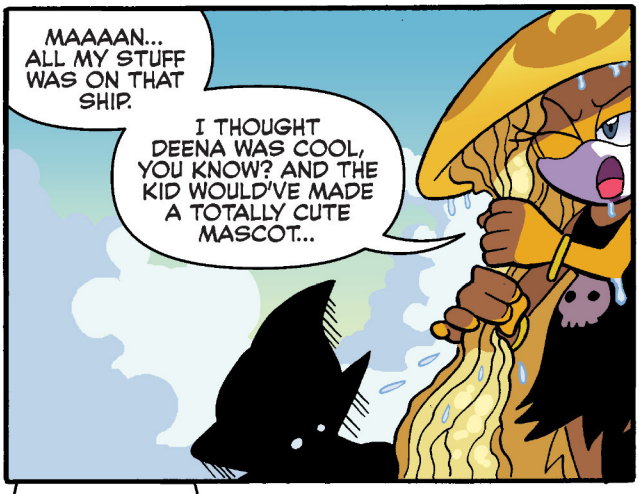
RRRRUMMMMMBLRR

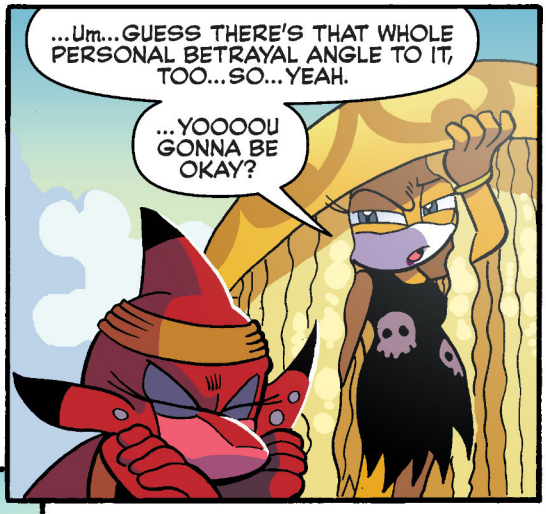
...HOW...?

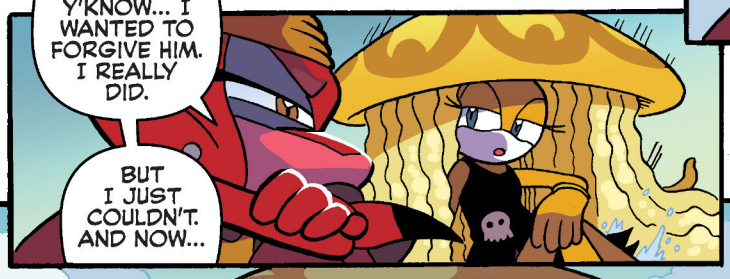

HOW DID YOU DO THAT?!
Oh, YOU KNOW... I SPENT SO MUCH TIME IN HERE WHILE THE CAPTAIN WAS COMMANDING THE SHIP. THE THING IS...

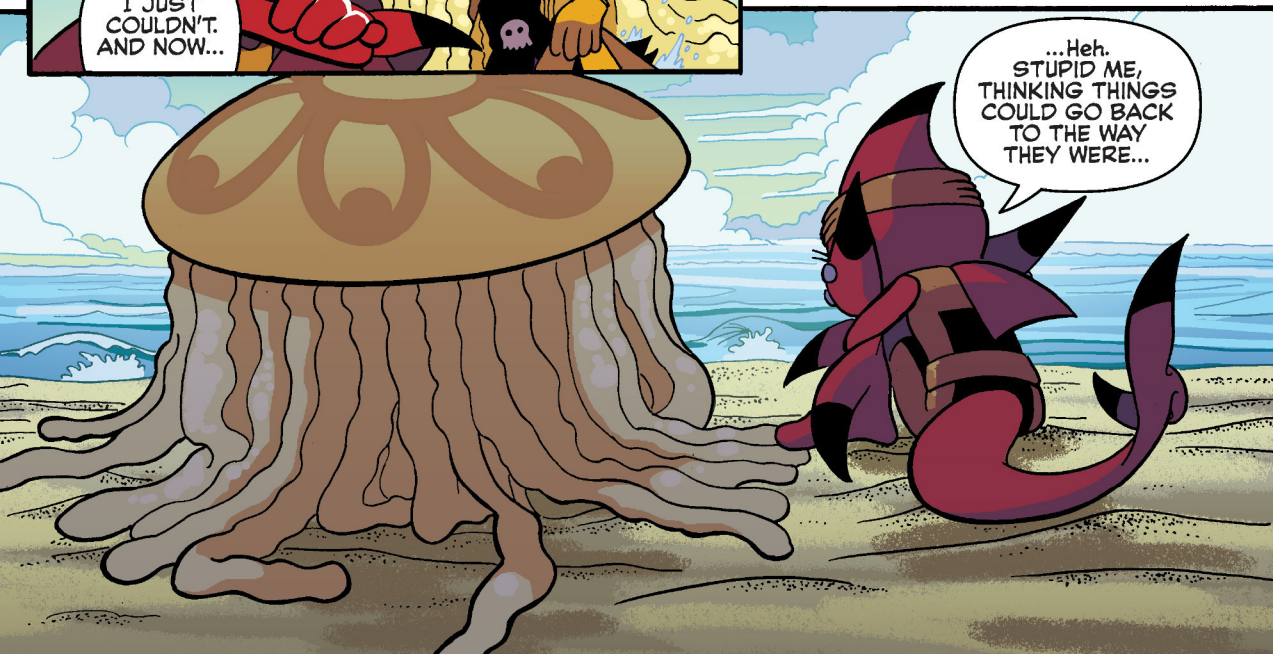
...WHEN PEOPLE DON'T THINK YOU'RE ***WORTH*** PAYING ATTENTION TO... YOU CAN GET AWAY WITH ALL KINDS OF THINGS ***RIGHT*** IN FRONT OF THEM.

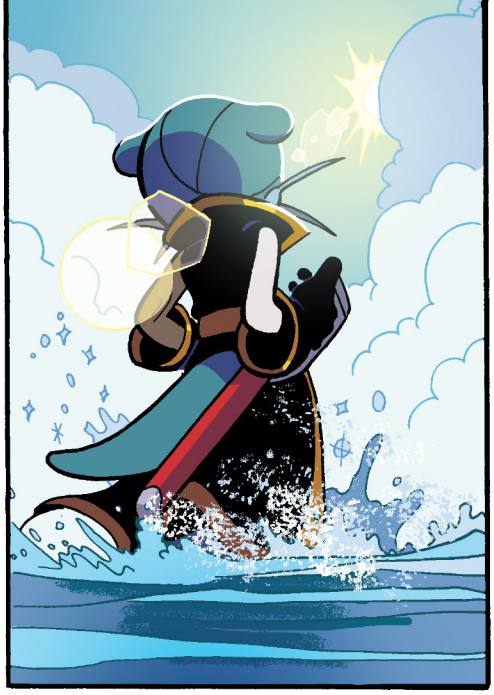


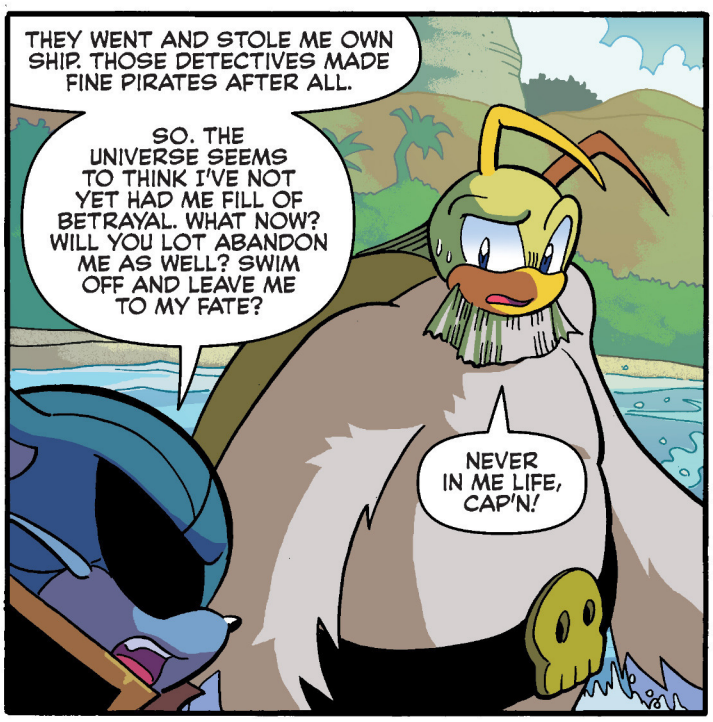

MAAAAN... ALL MY STUFF WAS ON THAT SHIP.
I THOUGHT DEENA WAS COOL, YOU KNOW? AND THE KID WOULD'VE MADE A TOTALLY CUTE MASCOT...


...Um...GUESS THERE'S THAT WHOLE PERSONAL BETRAYAL ANGLE TO IT, TOO...SO...YEAH.
...YOOOOU GONNA BE OKAY?


Y'KNOW... I WANTED TO FORGIVE HIM. I REALLY DID.
BUT I JUST COULDN'T. AND NOW...

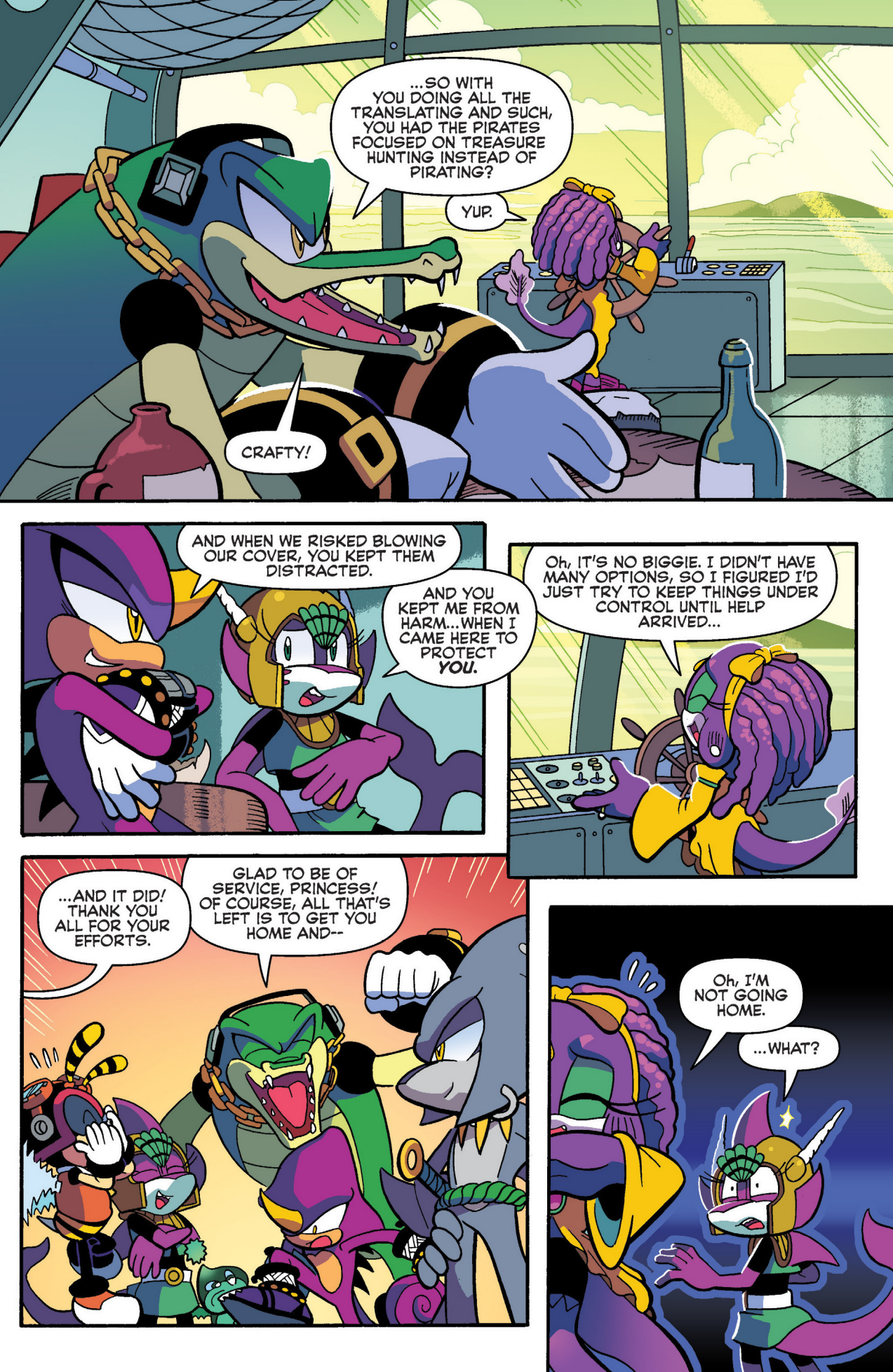

...Heh. STUPID ME, THINKING THINGS COULD GO BACK TO THE WAY THEY WERE...

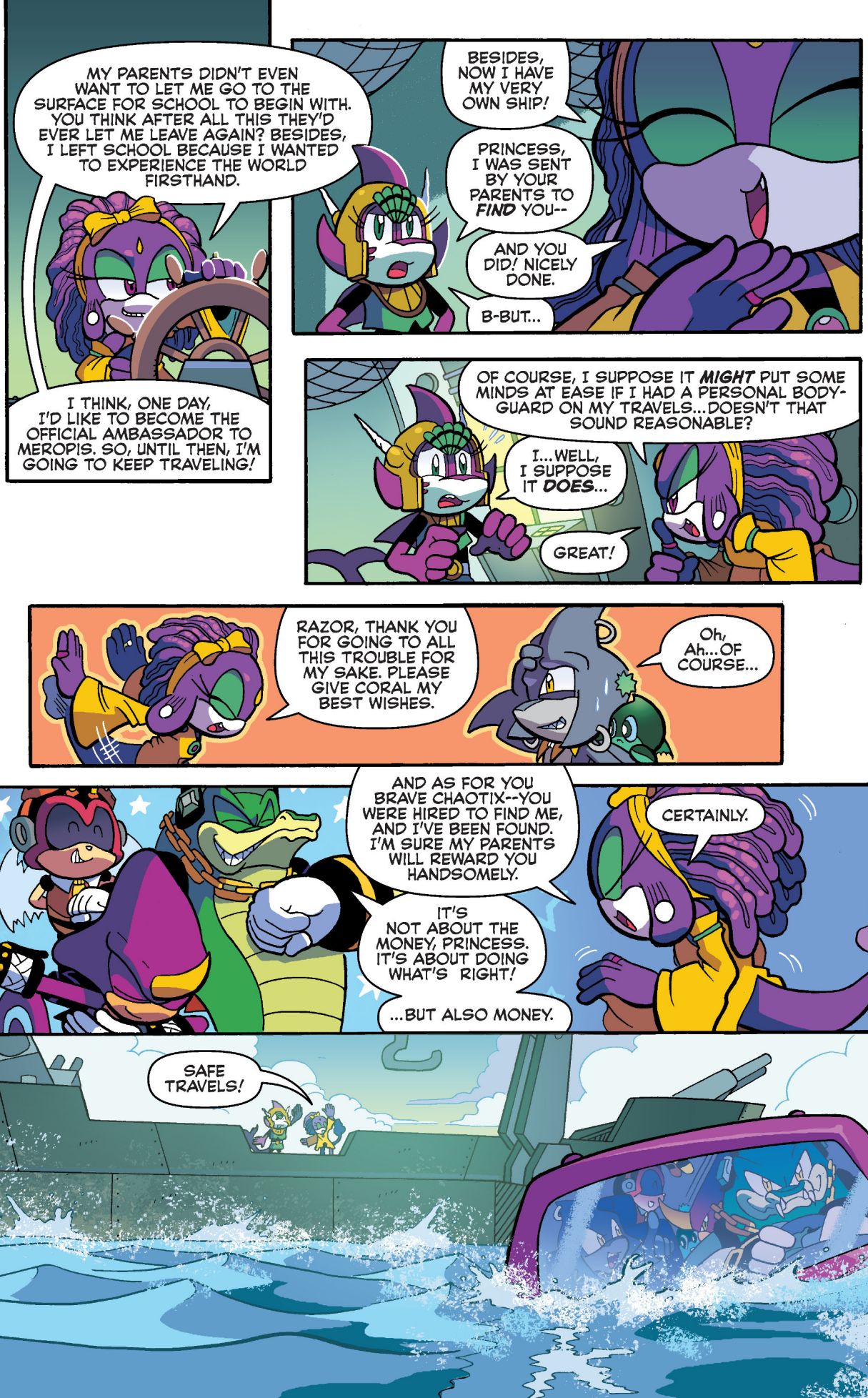



THEY WENT AND STOLE ME OWN SHIP. THOSE DETECTIVES MADE FINE PIRATES AFTER ALL.
SO. THE UNIVERSE SEEMS TO THINK I'VE NOT YET HAD ME FILL OF BETRAYAL. WHAT NOW? WILL YOU LOT ABANDON ME AS WELL? SWIM OFF AND LEAVE ME TO MY FATE?
NEVER IN ME LIFE, CAP'N!

AYE, WE WERE BETRAYED...LEFT ON AN UNKNOWN SPIT O' LAND IN THE MIDDLE O' NOWHERE...WE NEVER COLLECTED OUR RANSOMS... OUR PIRATE SHIP ITSELF WAS PIRATED...
...AYE...HARDER AND STRONGER, WE'LL STRIKE BACK...
BUT WE'VE COME BACK FROM WORSE! AND WE'LL DO IT AGAIN!

AND WOE BETIDE ALL THOSE WHO'D STAND IN OUR WAY!
O-OKAY, BUT...CAN SOMEONE GET ME DOWN NOW? PLEASE?


...SO WITH YOU DOING ALL THE TRANSLATING AND SUCH, YOU HAD THE PIRATES FOCUSED ON TREASURE HUNTING INSTEAD OF PIRATING?
YUP.
CRAFTY!
AND WHEN WE RISKED BLOWING OUR COVER, YOU KEPT THEM DISTRACTED.
AND YOU KEPT ME FROM HARM...WHEN I CAME HERE TO PROTECT YOU.
Oh, IT'S NO BIGGIE. I DIDN'T HAVE MANY OPTIONS, SO I FIGURED I'D JUST TRY TO KEEP THINGS UNDER CONTROL UNTIL HELP ARRIVED...
...AND IT DID! THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR EFFORTS.
GLAD TO BE OF SERVICE, PRINCESS! OF COURSE, ALL THAT'S LEFT IS TO GET YOU HOME AND--
Oh, I'M NOT GOING HOME.
...WHAT?


MY PARENTS DIDN'T EVEN WANT TO LET ME GO TO THE SURFACE FOR SCHOOL TO BEGIN WITH. YOU THINK AFTER ALL THIS THEY'D EVER LET ME LEAVE AGAIN? BESIDES, I LEFT SCHOOL BECAUSE I WANTED TO EXPERIENCE THE WORLD FIRSTHAND.
I THINK, ONE DAY, I'D LIKE TO BECOME THE OFFICIAL AMBASSADOR TO MEROPIS. SO, UNTIL THEN, I'M GOING TO KEEP TRAVELING!
BESIDES, NOW I HAVE MY VERY OWN SHIP!
PRINCESS, I WAS SENT BY YOUR PARENTS TO FIND YOU--
AND YOU DID! NICELY DONE.
B-BUT...
OF COURSE, I SUPPOSE IT MIGHT PUT SOME MINDS AT EASE IF I HAD A PERSONAL BODY-GUARD ON MY TRAVELS...DOESN'T THAT SOUND REASONABLE?
I...WELL, I SUPPOSE IT DOES...
GREAT!
RAZOR, THANK YOU FOR GOING TO ALL THIS TROUBLE FOR MY SAKE. PLEASE GIVE CORAL MY BEST WISHES.
Oh, Ah...OF COURSE...
AND AS FOR YOU BRAVE CHAOTIX--YOU WERE HIRED TO FIND ME, AND I'VE BEEN FOUND. I'M SURE MY PARENTS WILL REWARD YOU HANDSOMELY.
CERTAINLY.
IT'S NOT ABOUT THE MONEY, PRINCESS. IT'S ABOUT DOING WHAT'S RIGHT!
...BUT ALSO MONEY.
SAFE TRAVELS!

LATER, AT THE EUSEBES SHRINE...
RAZOR! YOU'RE BACK!
HEY, SQUIRT. WHERE'S-- OOF!
THE QUEEN SAID THE PRINCESS CALLED HER AND SHE TOLD HER WHAT HAPPENED AND THEN SHE TOLD US AND I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU WENT TO GO FIGHT PIRATES ALL BY YOURSELF!
I WASN'T--
CORAL WAS SO WORRIED, YOU BIG JERK!
...AN' I GUESS I WAS TOO...A LITTLE...
I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE HOME.
"HOME"?
YEAH.
IT'S GOOD TO BE HOME.

AND BACK IN WESTOPOLIS...
HELLO THERE! WE'D LIKE TO CONVERT THESE MEROPAN SAND DOLLARS, PLEASE. CASH WILL BE FINE.
SAND... DOLLARS...? UH, JUST A MOMENT...
THIS IS IT, BOYS! A LITERAL ROYAL REWARD! JUST THINK--WE COULD GET ONE OF THOSE COFFEE/BREAKFAST-SANDWICH GIZMOS, A CHAIN MADE OUT OF REAL GOLD, A COLOR TV--OOH! A NEW GAME CONSOLE! WHAT'RE THEY UP TO NOW, 32-BIT?
...HUH, WE DO HAVE THESE ON INDEX...
OR--WE COULD DO SOMETHING PRACTICAL LIKE PAY THE RENT FIRST, BUY NEW LIGHTBULBS TO REPLACE THE NONEXISTENT ONES, PAY THE ELECTRIC BILL SO THAT THEY ACTUALLY WORK, GET A FUNCTIONAL LOCK FOR THE FRONT DOOR...
UM, SO... HERE'S THE CURRENT CONVERSION RATE...
WILL YOU BE WANTING THAT IN SMALL BILLS...OR SMALL BILLS?
I'M JUST GONNA KEEP MY SHARE.

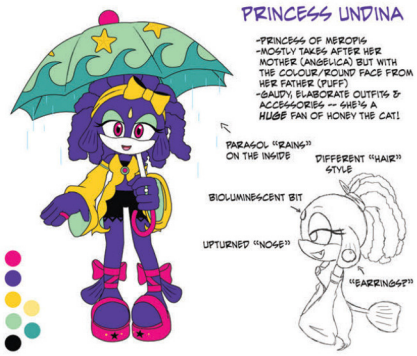
THE DETECTIVE LIFE CAN BE TOUGH.
ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU DON'T GET THAT WINDFALL YOU WERE HOPING FOR.
'COURSE, WE'RE NOT IN IT FOR THE MONEY.
WE'RE HERE TO HELP OTHERS.
TO DO THE RIGHT THING.
TO BRING JUSTICE TO THOSE WHO DESERVE IT.
...NOT THAT THE MONEY ISN'T NICE, THOUGH...
IN THE END, I DIDN'T GET MY THESAURUS. AND ESPIO ONLY GOT A SIX-PACK OF LIGHTBULBS.
BUT HEY, CHARMY'S HAPPY, AT LEAST.
THAT'S GOTTA COUNT FOR SOMETHING, RIGHT?
THAT'S ANOTHER CASE CLOSED FOR The CHAOTIX
JOIN US NEXT TIME FOR BRAND NEW ADVENTURES STARRING THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS!
UNTIL THEN, DON'T MISS OUT ON SONIC THE HEDGEHOG, SONIC SUPER DIGEST AND THE GRAPHIC NOVEL LIBRARY!

Letter from the EDITOR

Editorial commentary now available in breathtaking full-color!

All's well that ends well!

Hey there, fellow detectives! Our favorite team of odd-ball private investigators may have finished their case, but we still have time to use our super-sleuth skills to inspect some cool concept art! Check 'em out!


PRINCESS UNDINA
-PRINCESS OF MEROPIS
-MOSTLY TAKES AFTER HER MOTHER (ANGELICA) BUT WITH THE COLOUR/ROUND FACE FROM HER FATHER (PUFF)
-BAUDY, ELABORATE OUTFITS & ACCESSORIES -- SHE'S A HUGE FAN OF HONEY THE CAT!
PARASOL "RAINS" ON THE INSIDE
DIFFERENT "HAIR" STYLE
BIOLUMINESCENT BIT
UPTURNED "NOSE"
"EARRINGS?"

Undina is clever. With her ditzy charade, she made sure Echo was safe and kept the Pirate Crew off of the Chaotix's back.

BLADE
SHARK
-RAZOR'S BIG SISTER
-FINS ARE SIMPLER IN COMPARISON BUT WITH BLACK TIPS
-THINK "ATHLETIC" BUILD (INSOFAR AS NOODLE SONIC CHARACTERS GO)
-FLIPPER FEET INSTEAD OF BLOBS
-TAIL FIN IS VERTICAL
-POINTY TEETH!
-FOCUSED AND CONFIDENT

Blade is Razor's older sister and has a temper as fierce as her natural color!

Co-writer Aleah Baker did a great job on these concepts and developing the story!

Next time we'll be checking in with Sonic's team of freedom fighting pals! What adventures await them? What new discoveries will be made? Which type of cheese is best?

See you then!

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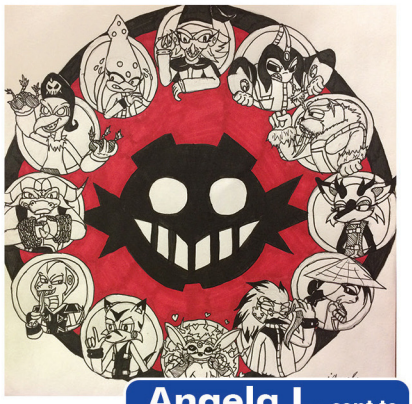

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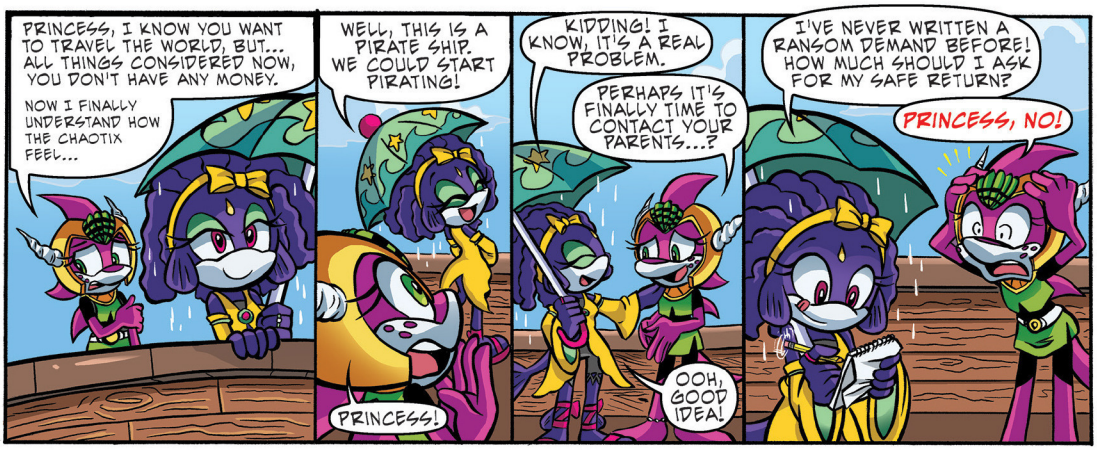
PRINCESS, I KNOW YOU WANT TO TRAVEL THE WORLD, BUT... ALL THINGS CONSIDERED NOW, YOU DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY.
NOW I FINALLY UNDERSTAND HOW THE CHAOTIX FEEL...
WELL, THIS IS A PIRATE SHIP. WE COULD START PIRATING!
PRINCESS!
KIDDING! I KNOW, IT'S A REAL PROBLEM.
PERHAPS IT'S FINALLY TIME TO CONTACT YOUR PARENTS...?
OOH, GOOD IDEA!
I'VE NEVER WRITTEN A RANSOM DEMAND BEFORE! HOW MUCH SHOULD I ASK FOR MY SAFE RETURN?
PRINCESS, NO!

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